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1. IN DISCUSSING WITH THE ALLIES THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIFTING THE DATES FOR THE DECEMBER NAC MINISTERIAL TO 15TH AND 16TH, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT; RATHER, WE ENCOUNTERED SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION. FOR EXAMPLE, THE BRITISH WHO NOW ARE QUITE CONTENT WITH THE DECEMBER 11-12 DATES THEY PREVIOUSLY RESISTED ARE DISINCLINED TO SUPPORT US ON A CHANGE TO 15-16. THE BELGIAN HOSTS ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO OUR PREFERRED DATES AND CLAIM THEY HAVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN "ADMINISTRATIVE PLANNING" FOR A DECEMBER 11-12 MEETING. THE TURKS SAID DECEMBER 15-16 WOULD CONFLICT WITH "RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS" AND WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THEM. THE ITALIANS SAID THEY OPPOSE 15-16 AND THEY HOPED THAT THE US COULD AGREE TO 11-12. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUEST WE BE AUTHORIZED TO LIFT OUR RESERVE AND JOIN CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF DECEMBER 11-12. BRUCE
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